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COMMENT OF THE DAY

ISOLATION OF ISRAEL

TODAY, on the tenth anniversary of the country, sees Israel still suffering from a sense of isolation situated as she is on the western fringe of Asia seeking admission to the European community of nations.

To Israeli leaders, the compact body of European nations seems a likelier shelter than any of the other world blocs. In this community, they argue, they find a way of life similar to their own, or the one they would wish to have, a democracy akin to their own, an economic programme which could help Israel and be helped by her.

Perhaps one of the weightiest considerations is also the conviction that Israel's requirements in arms must come from countries in Western Europe.

The greatest consideration of all, however, seems to be Israel's desire to belong and the Prime Minister, Mr David Ben Gurion, has often deplored his country's unique position, alone in a world where nations huddle together in groups.

No Place

FOR, in fact, Israel has no place in a grouping of nations linked by religion such as the Latin American states or the Islamic group because of those being no other Jewish nation.

The hostility of her Arab neighbours keeps Israel out of her natural place in the regional grouping, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that Israel has succeeded in overcoming Arab obstacles to her links with some of the countries of the Afro-Asian community.

The recent trends of Israeli policy to secure admission to the European economic and political bodies, therefore, seem to be a symptom of the urge to belong.

Importance

OVER the past few years the Western European countries have become aware of Israel's importance and are realising that association with her could be beneficial to both parties.

If the Western European countries wish to retain a foothold in the region, they can do so only in Israel as the rest of the Middle East is already divided between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The role Israel could play in the long run is that of a bridge between a new Europe, no longer "colonial" in approach, and the countries in Asia, and mainly in Africa, who eye with suspicion the expansionist plans of President Nasser of Egypt.

Inspired By Fear

TO a large extent Israel's attempts to lean on Western Europe are inspired by the fear that she might be thrown by the Soviet Union as a bone to her Arab neighbours although in effect the Russians have not taken sides in the Arab-Israeli dispute, but rather want to draw the Arabs to their side in the global tug-of-war.

Yet the possibility of an offensive launched by President Nasser and actively backed by the Soviet Union is the nightmare of the Jewish leaders.

And this fear is matched by a growing feeling among some Western European statesmen that the frontiers of Europe are now in the Middle East, which is the weakest link in Europe's defences.

Israel's inclusion in the framework of a European defence system, either through the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation or in some other form, would have a deterrent effect, and thus increase Israel's security from attack.

Will Never Explode Another N-Weapon Unless... MR K'S NEW LETTER TO IKE

It's All Up To The West

Moscow, Apr. 23.

Nikita Khrushchev promised President Eisenhower today that the Soviet Union would never explode another nuclear weapon "unless the US or Britain compels it to."

In a letter to the President delivered in Washington yesterday and released here today, the Soviet Premier said that the responsibility for continued nuclear testing laid squarely on the Western powers.

"The US and British Governments bear a great responsibility before the entire world," he said.

Concrete Deeds

He said the great powers must turn from words to concrete deeds if the world was to have peace, and he said the Soviets had "made their contribution towards the weakening of world tension and towards peace" by halting nuclear tests.

"From now on the USSR will not explode a single atom bomb, not a single hydrogen bomb, unless the USA or Britain compels it to."

He told President Eisenhower that the Soviet Government was "waiting for the US to put an immediate end to 'flights by bombers with hydrogen bomb loads in the direction of the USSR'."

The Soviet Premier said that such flights were "playing with fire."

Follow Lead

His letter followed up the formal raising of the subject by the Soviets to the United Nations Security Council earlier this week. The Soviet Premier reiterated in his new letter the call to the United States to follow Russia's lead and unilaterally abandon the testing of nuclear weapons.

He charged that President Eisenhower's message of April 8 "attempts to cast doubt on the sincerity of the Soviet move in unilaterally abandoning nuclear tests."

He once more turned down President Eisenhower's open skies plan for aerial inspection of both sides of the Iron Curtain, saying that "criss-crossing of the United States and the Soviet Union by planes 'will hardly make the peoples of both countries feel a great sense of safety and give them peace and calmness'."

Aerial photography, he said, could in fact heighten tension rather than reduce it, and thus "play into the hands of those forces which are seeking a pretext for hauling mankind into an annihilating atomic war."

San Fernando, Apr. 23. Fire broke out in a building of the Texaco Trinidad Oil refinery here today 99 minutes before Princess Margaret was due to attend a sports meeting in the company's athletic ground.

Fire alarm sirens howled as the building went up in flames, Reuters.

TO TEST RE-ENTRY PROBLEM

VANGUARD-THOR ROCKET LAUNCHED

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 23. The US Air Force launched a huge "weather" intercontinental rocket tonight over the Atlantic and a flash was observed more than 200 miles from the launching site. But it was uncertain if the combination Air Force Thor-Navy Vanguard blew up or kept going.

The Air Force said the second stage of the two-stage combination rocket "ignited successfully."

Unwelcomed Dockers



Sir Bernard and Lady Docker.

NOW SIR BERNARD IS BARRED FROM RESORT

Monte Carlo, Apr. 23.

Sir Bernard Docker has been barred from the French Riviera, as well as Lady Docker.

A Monaco Government spokesman announcing the ban on Sir Bernard Docker, refused to give reasons or to say why the action was not taken yesterday, when Lady Docker was banished from Prince Rainier's principality for offensive behaviour — tearing up a paper Monegasque flag.

Best Legal Advice

Monaco's ban was extended today to cover the whole French Riviera.

In Paris, Sir Bernard Docker said today that as soon as he received official confirmation that he and Lady Docker were being banned from the French Riviera he would seek "the best legal advice in France."

When he arrived here by air from London on his way south to join Lady Docker in Cannes reporters told him he was included in the ban as well as his wife.

Given 24 Hours

He replied: "Frankly, I don't believe a word of it. There have been so many communiques and statements that I don't think they know what is happening themselves."

He said he would continue by air to Nice tonight.

In Nice, French officials gave Lady Dorah Docker 24 hours today to get off the Riviera.

Pierre-Jean Mailli, Prefect of the Alpes-Maritimes Department, signed the two orders providing for the expulsion of the Dockers.

His action came after the Principality of Monaco ordered Lady Docker expelled for "disrespect" to the Monegasque flag.

France had to follow suit because of a treaty with Monaco, that anyone considered as undesirable in the Principality must also be expelled from the Riviera. — United Press.

PRINCE RAINIER REJECTS GIFTS

Monte Carlo, Apr. 23.

Prince Rainier of Monaco today ordered palace officials to return the gifts which Lady Docker, wife of British industrialist, Sir Bernard Docker, sent to the palace on the birth of Crown Prince Albert.

The order was the latest development in a running feud between the Palace and Lady Docker, aged 52, who allegedly tore up in public a red-and-white Monaco flag after her son, Lance, was barred from Prince Albert's christening on Sunday.

The gifts, sent to the palace last week, were a watch inlaid in a 10 francs gold piece bearing an effigy of Monaco's late Prince Albert, and a silver tray engraved with the alphabet.

The tray was a gift from Lance. — France-Press.

Five Killed And Many Injured In Disastrous Parachute Practice

Fort Campbell, Ky., Apr. 23.

Paratroopers of the 101st Division jumped today into violent wind gusts that slammed five of them to their deaths against trees and rocks as they landed.

Officers said 137 men were injured and taken to hospitals. None of the injured was reported in critical condition and most of the injuries were scratches and bruises.

All was still confusion at the sprawling base hours after the jump—made initially with a ground wind of 12 knots, just within the maximum safety limit of 15 miles an hour.

So Sudden

The disaster was so sudden that, even as he landed with his men and with them wrestled with his ballooning parachute, the 101st's commander called it a "very successful jump."

Maj-Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, who made his 70th jump today, like other officers did not know at the time that some troops had died.

A number of civilians and several high officers, including Lieut-Gen. Thomas Hickey, commander of the Third Army, watched some 1,300 men bail out en masse and descend into the mistletoe of gusty winds during Operation "Engle Wing."

The jump began from some of the 86 aircraft involved at 1,250 feet.

Rough Jump

United Press photographer Vic Cooley also was a spectator. He said it was a "rough jump."

The ground where the men landed was well covered with grass and was muddy in some spots. The jump was in two zones with men bailing simultaneously.

The jump zone was two miles long and one mile wide. The paratroopers were part of the "aggressor" force and members of the 502nd Airborne Battle Group.

One trooper had his chute wrapped around his neck by the wind as he was pulled along the ground. A Public Information Officer jumped to his aid and cut the chute away. — United Press.

RUSSIAN ARRESTED

Rome, Apr. 23.

Alexander Solovov, a member of the staff of the Soviet Military Attache in Rome, was arrested here by Italian counter-espionage agents a few days ago, the Italian Continental News Agency reported tonight.

The Agency said Solovov was found to be carrying documents of "a highly compromising nature" when he was arrested.

The Agency said that Solovov was later released after his diplomatic immunity was established.

The Italian Foreign Ministry tonight refused to comment on the report. — Reuters.

HAVE YOU sent in your nomination for Hongkong's Footballer Of The Year?

It's not your chance from now until Saturday, May 3, to be in the running for the Sports Pages for the nomination form.

The Leprechauns Were Playing Up

FAIRIES GAVE THIS GOVT A HEADACHE

Now They Believe In Them!

By PATRICK QUINN

Dublin, Apr. 23.

The Irish Republic's Government has decided it believes in fairies.

Mr Erskine Childers, Minister of Lands, has ruled against the violation of a "fairy palace," it was learned tonight.

The Minister has ordered a Government team to "bend" a fence so that land occupied by the "little people" is not violated.

This will allow the fairies at Belmullet, in the far west of County Mayo, to hold their traditional revels undisturbed on "Fairy Day"—May 1.

EXPEDIENCY

It was not clear tonight whether the decision of the administration was an act of simple faith—or of political expediency.

For the fairies at remote Belmullet have been causing headaches among the sophisticated ministers and civil servants here in the capital.

It all began last week when the Lands Commission began constructing a fence across agricultural land at Belmullet. The fence was supposed to cut through a "fairy palace," a mound of earth covered with hawthorn and thicket.

Twenty workers employed by the Commission refused to build the fence across the fairy land.

They said the "good people" might show resentment and do things to them that they might "not be able to understand."

Lands Commission inspectors have been trying unsuccessfully for days to reason with the men or recruit other local labour.

A Million-year-old

Madrid, Apr. 23.

Spanish scientists today announced the discovery of the skeleton of a million-year-old elephant, which they described as the "most complete remains" ever found in Spain.

The elephant, which apparently stood about 16 feet high, was dug up at Villaverde, five miles west of here. — United Press.

Serious Clashes In Malta

Valletta, Apr. 23. Fifteen people were reported injured tonight when police clashed with demonstrators in the streets of Valletta.

The demonstrators, supporters of Mr Dom Mintoff's Labour Government, who resigned on Monday, used iron coats, catapults and large nails against truncheon-wielding police trying to disperse them.

While the demonstrations raged through the streets, Dr Borg Olivier, leader of Malta's right-wing Nationalist Party, called on the Governor and told him he was not prepared to form a government without a mandate from the people.

Emergency

The Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, may declare a state of emergency and take over the administration himself.

In tonight's demonstrations police in steel helmets escorted shouting men through the city's main streets.

Mounted police were also used to break up a noisy demonstration in a square outside British Army Headquarters.

Injured

Police advised British correspondents watching the demonstration to leave the area.

Four policemen were injured in yesterday's demonstrations, during which Queen Victoria's statue was "capped" with a dustbin.

The Labour Party newspaper Iscabb today described last night's incidents as "the people giving vent to their anger against British colonialism." — Reuters.

GOVERNOR MAY RULE MALTA

By RICHARD KILIAN

Valletta, Apr. 24.

It looks now as though Friday will be trouble day for Malta. That is the day when parliament will be dissolved, I am told.

Worse: it is a day the Socialists—Mr Mintoff's political backbone—have decided to hold a mass meeting of 10,000 members and march through the town.

I visited the tall, graying Governor-General Sir Robert Laycock today.

CARETAKER

He smoked Turkish cigarettes while he told me: "If the Opposition Leader, Mr Borg Olivier, says no to my request that he should try to form a Government, then I shall ask Mr Mintoff to form a caretaker Government. It would take eight weeks before general elections can be held." And Sir

But Mr Mintoff won't accept the role as a caretaker Prime Minister for eight weeks because he will have to ask Sir Laycock and the Colonial Office for money to meet his daily bills. So emergency rule is almost a certainty tonight.

And off the record, Maltese politicians told me Mr Borg Olivier will refuse to form another Government. — London Express Service.



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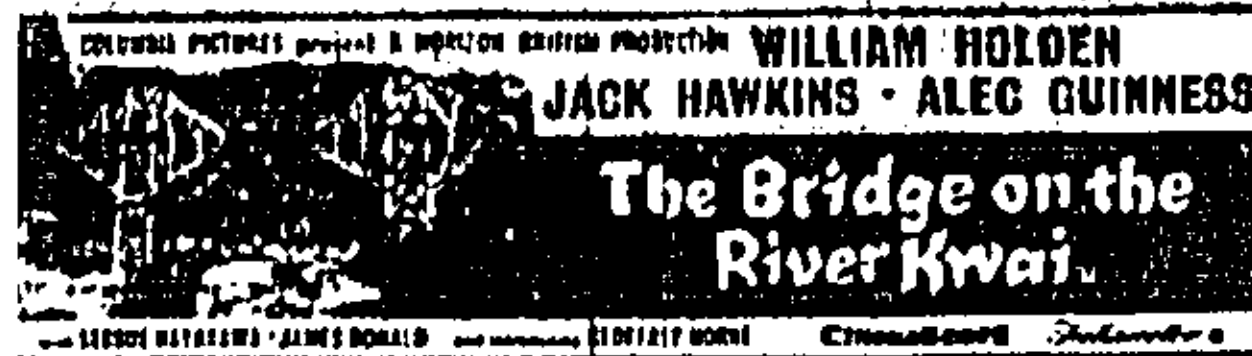
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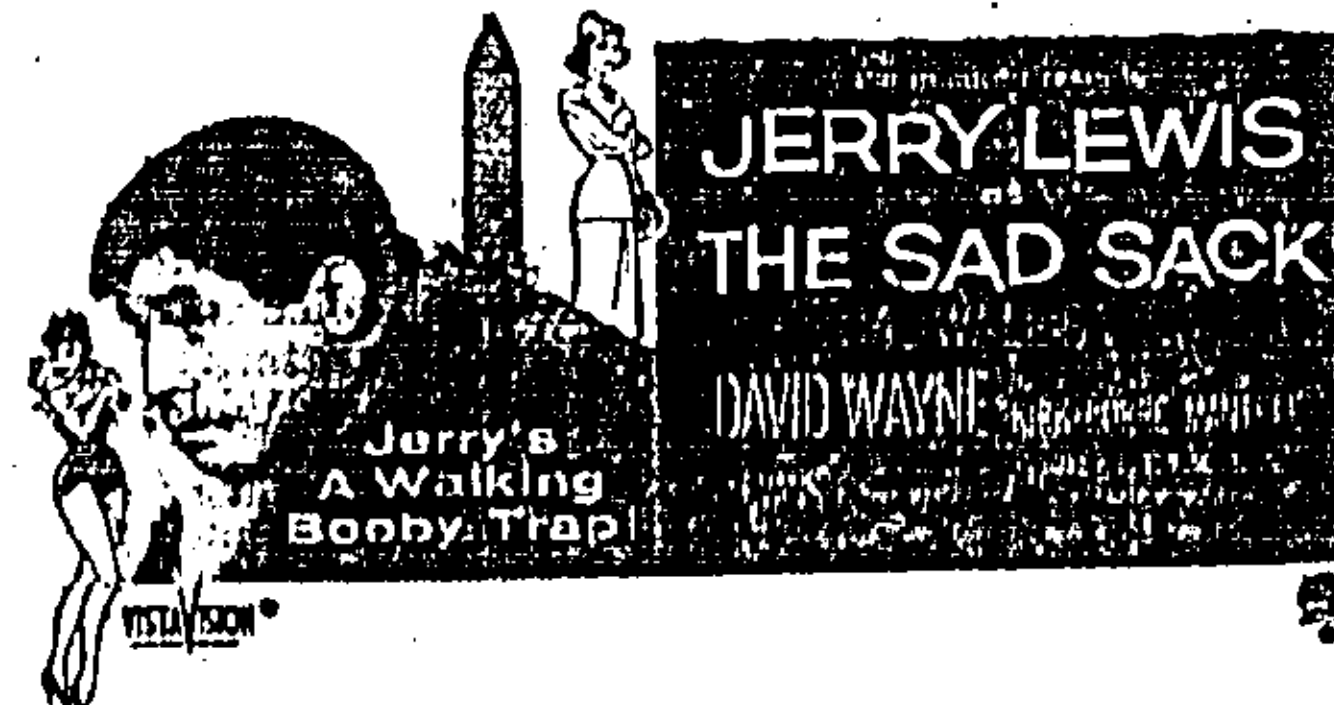
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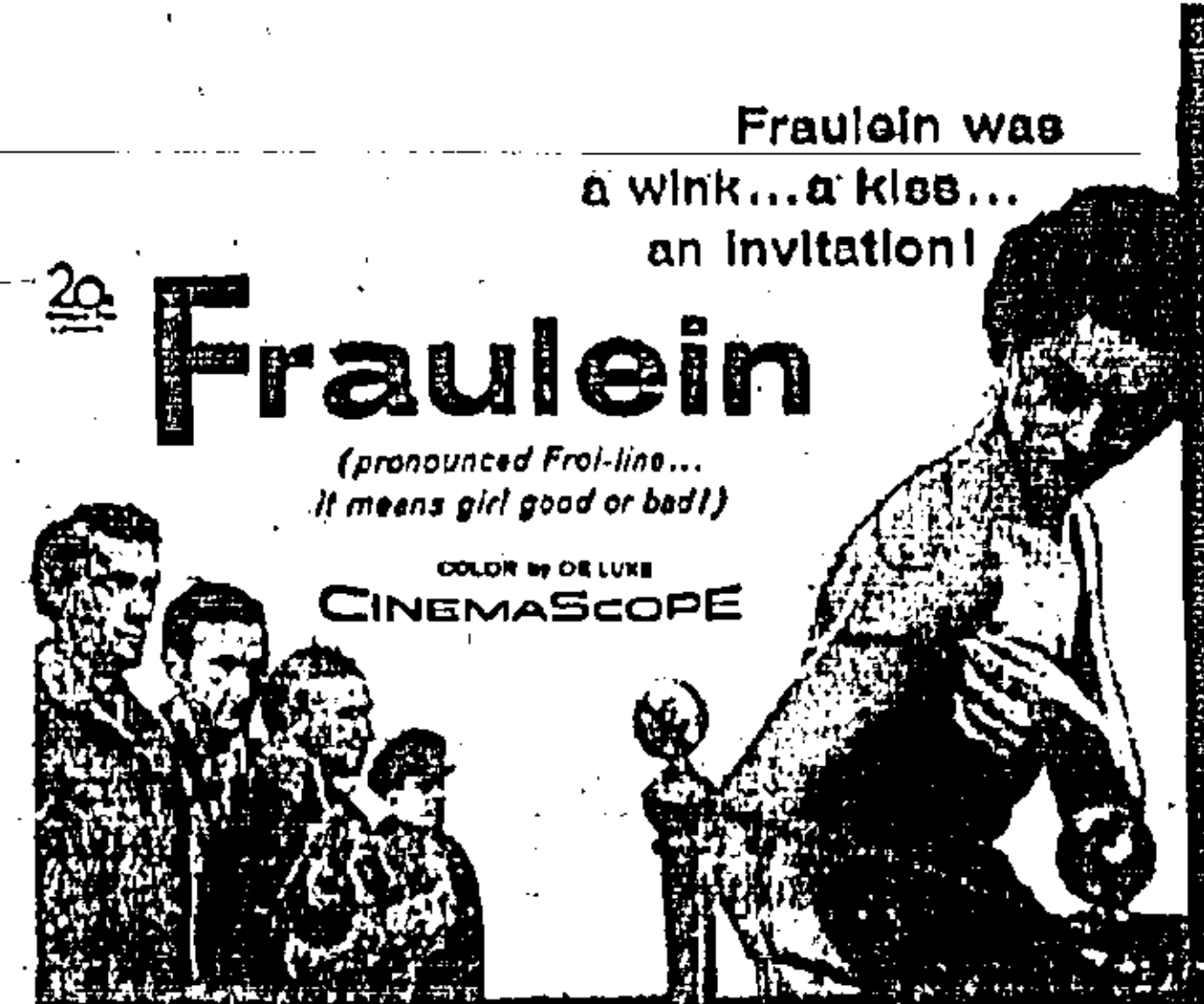
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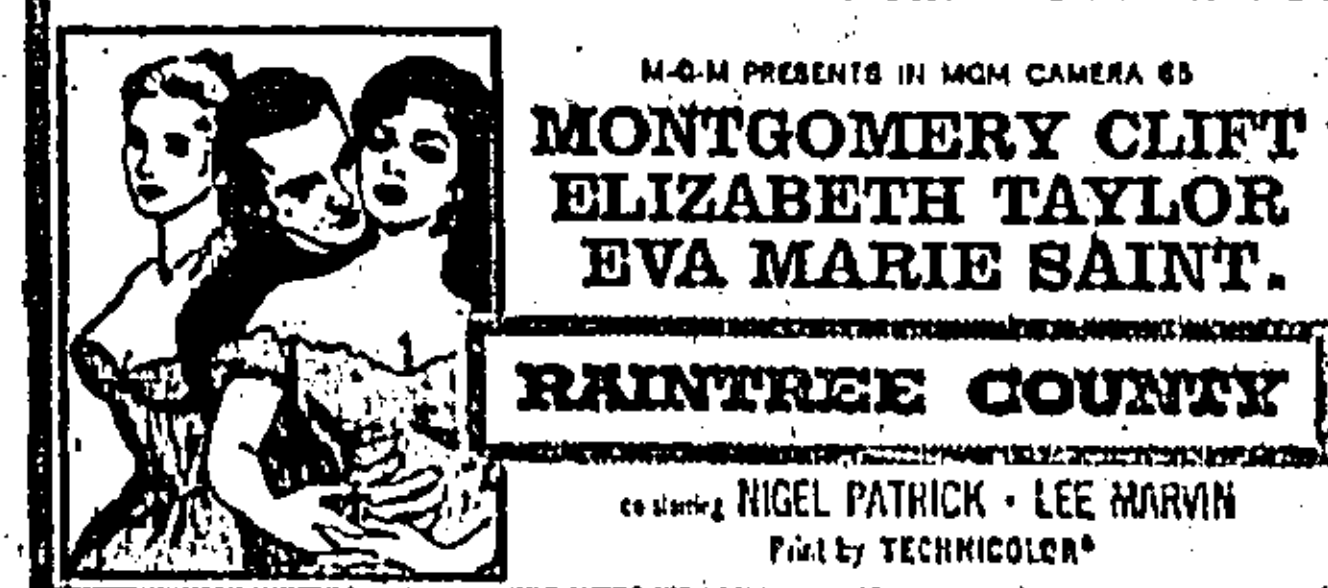
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Stratford-on-Avon,

Apr. 23.

Representatives of 91 countries unfurled their national flags in the streets of Stratford-on-Avon today to mark the birthday of Shakespeare.

This was a record for the poet's hometown. One new flag, that of Malaya, was hoisted by the Federation's Commissioner, Tan Sri Yacob.

As a lunch which followed, Earl Alden, former Labour Prime Minister, proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory."

Diplomatic representatives inter carried wreaths from Shakespeare's birthplace to lay them on his tomb in Holy Trinity Church.—Reuter.

Smallpox

New York, Apr. 23.

An emergency shipment of 400,000 doses of smallpox vaccine has been flown to Pakistan to combat an epidemic there, it was disclosed today.—United Press.

Translation Machine Possible?

United Nations, Apr. 23. A TRANSLATING machine with a storage capacity of 100,000 words that could translate at the rate of 50 words a second, was described today in the International Social Science Bulletin.

It said a machine could be produced for \$700,000 that would translate French, German and probably Russian and which would apply to any language as soon as linguistic work was done.

The article in the quarterly periodical of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (unesco) was written by A.D. Booth of London University.

"It could be constructed in a period of about two years," he wrote.

The translating machine would operate from a standard teletype tape.

"Work is at present proceeding on the development of devices for the direct reading of printed characters and for the direct recognition of spoken words," the article said.—United Press.

Jewish Armed Units To Return After The Parade

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman today reassured Jordan that armed units participating in Israel's Independence Day parade tomorrow will return to their normal bases.

Tension between Israel and Jordan has increased during the past few days following charges by Jordan that Israel was violating the Armistice Agreement by bringing in troops and armoured units for the parade. They took the complaint to the United Nations last week.

But the spokesman said that "immediately after the parade normal conditions will be restored in Jerusalem and equipment brought in will be returned."

"This was well known to all parties concerned (Jordan and the United Nations) from the very beginning," he added. At the same time, the Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission met to discuss the complaints. The meeting went on until early this morning but there was no announcement of any solution.

The troops and armour rehearsed the big 10th anniversary military parade today at the Stadium adjoining the new Hebrew University campus. A crowd of 5,000 watched 2,000 troops, tanks and heavy equipment go through their paces.

The equipment included French tanks, anti-aircraft guns and self-propelled guns. Highlights of the rehearsal was the unfurling of the new colours for representatives of more than a hundred different units. The most colourful of the units were the white-uniformed Navy contingent and girl soldiers toting Uzzi sub-machineguns.

MEMORY

This evening was dedicated to the memory of the victims of the War of Independence. Memorial torches were lit in all military cemeteries and in public squares and two minutes of silence was observed at 8 p.m. local time.

In Jerusalem, President Issak Ben-Zvi reviewed a guard of veterans of Hagana—a volunteer defence force which operates underground.

Special services were held in Synagogues.

Three groups of United Nations Military Observers will be stationed along the route of tomorrow's parade through Jerusalem as part of the special U.N. precautions to prevent the possibility of incidents with Jordanian troops in the Jerusalem area.

This is the first time observers have stationed troops in the city.—United Press.

Sir Arthur Fadden

Canberra, Apr. 23.

Sir Arthur Fadden, Australian Federal Treasurer, announced today that he would retire from the Australian Parliament at the end of the year.

Sir Arthur last month retired as leader of the country party and deputy Prime Minister. He has been treasurer for a record term and is a former Prime Minister.—Reuter.

WORKER CHARGED WITH SEX MURDER AND RAPE

ALLEGED BID TO KILL PRETTY SOCIALITE

Sydney, Apr. 23.

Charged already with having murdered a schoolgirl and criminally assaulting another at Burwood (a Sydney suburb) a man was charged in Central Court today with the year-old attempted murder of a pretty Brisbane socialite.

He is John Charles Smith, 29, labourer, of Stratfield, a Sydney suburb, who was charged with having:

● At Brisbane, on March 1, 1958, attempted to unlawfully kill Beverly Judith McKenzie, then 19.

● On April 11, this year, murdered Margaret Thomas, 14, at Burwood.

● On February 11, this year, ravished and carnally known a 13-year-old girl, and:

● On the same day broken and entered a house at Park Road, Burwood, and inflicted grievous bodily harm on the girl.

Smith stood in the dock, hands clasped in front of him and head bowed.

He nodded a brief "yes" when the police prosecutor, Sergeant D. Goode, asked him if he would consent to a re-hum—the Burwood charges to Parramatta Court on May 12.

and the Brisbane matter to Central Court on May 30. Referring to the Brisbane charge, Sgt. Goode said it would be alleged that on the night of February 28, 1957, Beverly McKenzie, was living at Ascot, Brisbane.

"She went to bed about 11.30 and 6.30 a.m. next day (March 1) her mother went to her room and found her lying unconscious," Sgt. Goode said.

"She was gravely injured and had been attacked while in bed. Three serious head injuries kept her unconscious for over three weeks. Two fingers of one hand had to be amputated as a result of her injuries."

Sgt. Goode said that after Smith had been arrested, he allegedly made a written statement about having been in the Ascot area.

It was alleged he entered the girl's bedroom through an open window, after climbing up

a lattice from the ground, Sgt. Goode said.

Seeing her lying asleep alone, he closed her bedroom door and beat her over the head with a piece of flat iron. He then criminally assaulted her while she was unconscious.

Both Margaret Thomas and the 13-year-old girl were boarders at Sydney's exclusive Methodist Ladies College. Girls in the same dormitory as Margaret Thomas told police a man armed with a knife took Thomas from the room. Her body, stabbed in two places, was found in a nearby park.

The 13-year-old girl was attacked in the college sick bay.—China Mail Special.

London, Apr. 23.

A third experimental silver tube train has gone into service on the Piccadilly underground line.

If the silver trains—which have unpainted aluminium bodies to save weight and running costs—are a success, London transport plans to use them to replace all the red trains on the Piccadilly line.—China Mail Special.

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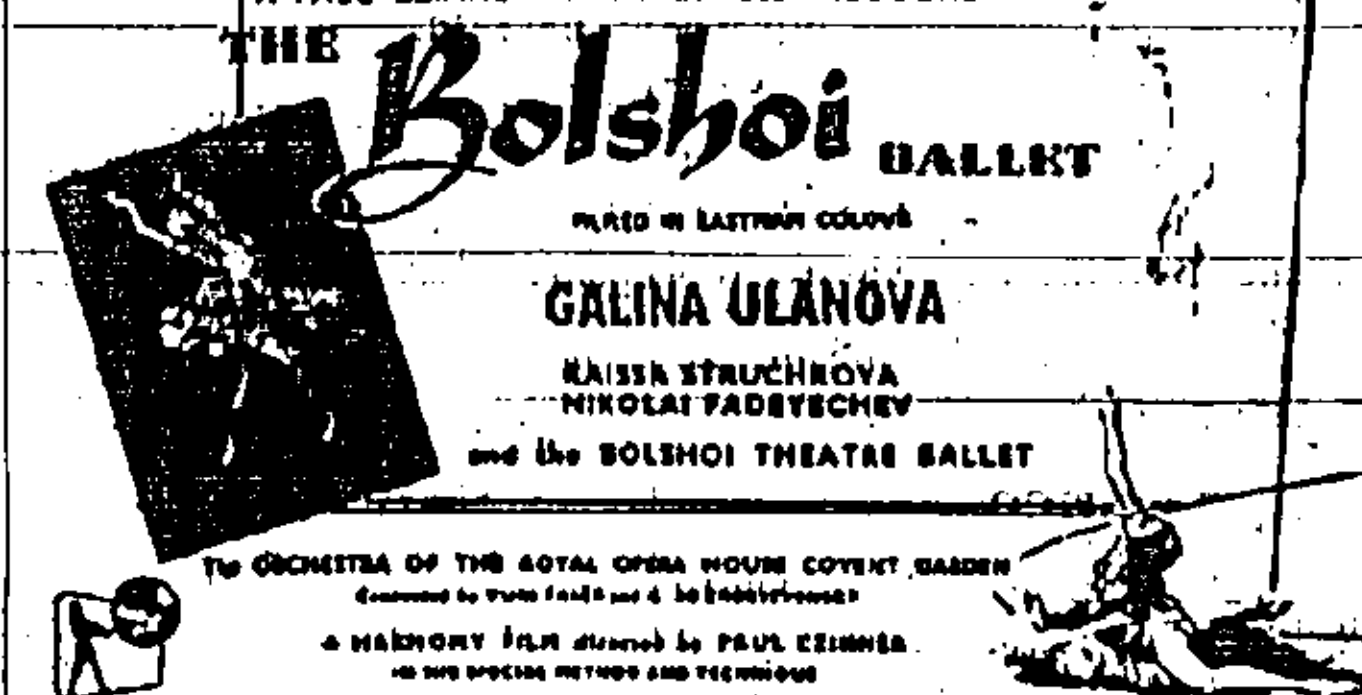
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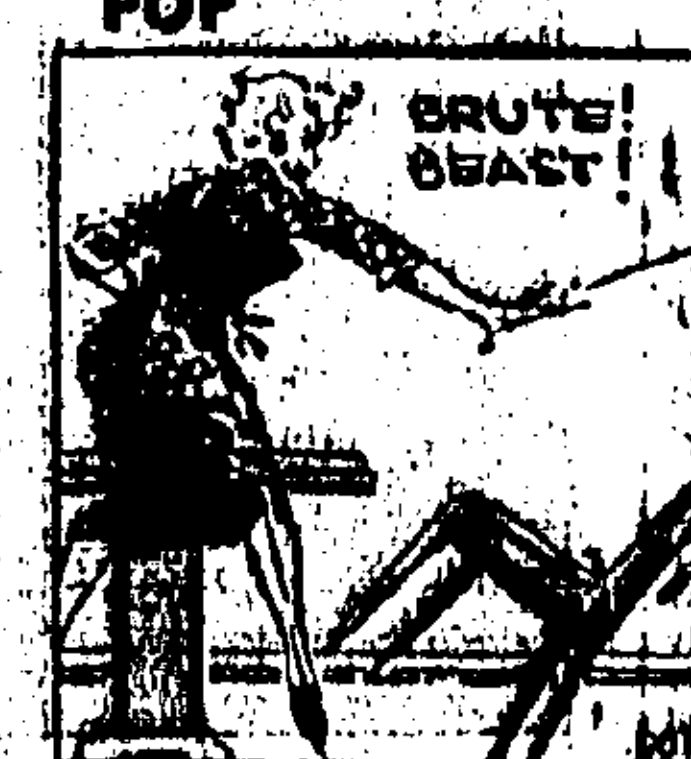
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CABLE BRIEFS

Richmond, Apr. 23. Paul E. French of Centerville, Illinois, didn't know when he had it so good. After drawing a US\$500 fine and a 60-day workhouse sentence for drunken driving, he demanded and was granted a jury trial on appeal.

The jurors hit him with a US\$100 fine and a 90-day sentence.—United Press.

Champaign, Apr. 23. Mrs. Richard Ahlgren, 25, thought she was entering a sewing competition when she filled out some forms some time ago.

Today, as a result of having filled those papers, she finds herself Mrs. Illinois, entry in the Mrs. America contest.—United Press.

Lynchburg, Apr. 23. A weekend in the custody of thieves apparently did a world of good for Mrs. Lewis Driskill's poodle.

Mrs. Driskill returned home from work yesterday and found the dog on the porch, freshly bathed and sprayed with perfume.—United Press.

Richmond, Apr. 23. Jimmy Burke, 10, mourned the loss of a fortune today. Police told him that several hundred banknotes he found on a Thames River bank had been condemned by the Bank of England as worthless and got there en route to a power station where they were supposed to be burned.—United Press.

London, Apr. 19. A West End Knightsbridge store reported today that Londoners are either blind, over-suspicious or a bunch of homebodies.

By closing time last night, nobody had taken advantage of an advertisement printed on a four by five-inch pale blue card that was kept in the window all day offering two free returns tickets to the French resort of Le Touquet to the first applicant.—United Press.

Oulton Park, Apr. 23. The loudspeaker system at Oulton Park Race Course carried this announcement today:

"Will Lloyd Wiggin, the son of Lady Wiggin, not eat his sandwiches as they have glass in them."

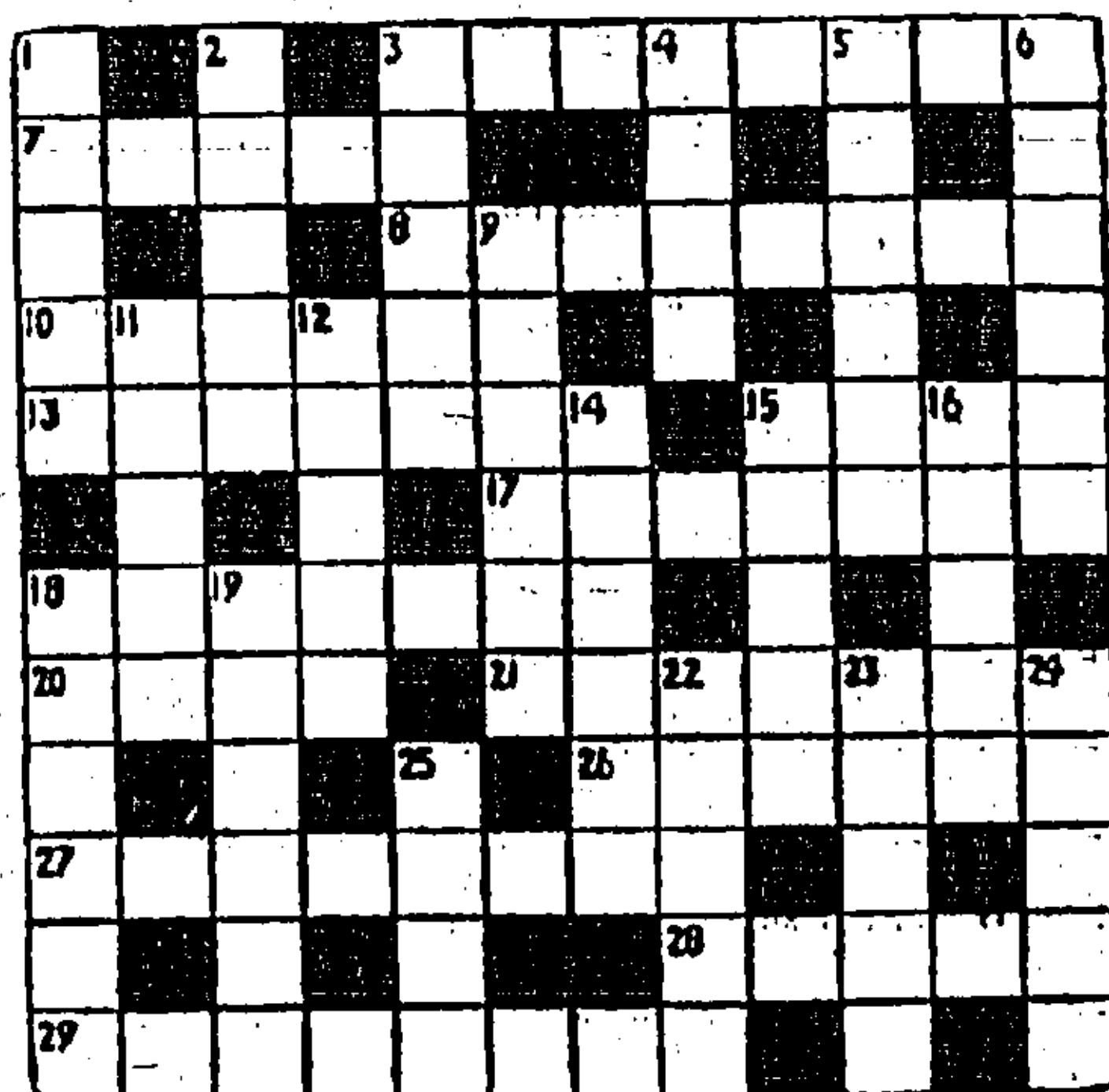
Lady Wiggin explained that after her son left home she discovered some broken glass in the butter.—United Press.

Too Short For The Job

London, Apr. 23. JAMES PURCELL, 42, window fitter, of Fortess Road, Kenilworth, who was fitting a spring to a sliding window in a seven-story flat off Kennington Lane, Lambeth, removed two screws holding the window from sliding too far because he was too short to reach his job.

"It was imposing an unfair strain on the window," the coroner said when he recorded a verdict of accidental death at the Southwark inquest.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- The ruler of shellfish? (8).
 - Battle ground (6).
 - Oddly enough, it can raise or lower the temperature! (8).
 - In a nutshell, it sounds just like an officer (6).
 - Golden Shakespeare character? (7).
 - Are obliged (4).
 - Golden yellow birds (7).
 - Fligely (7).
 - Some are fine (4).
 - Odd creature "down under" (7).
 - Restrained within limits (6).
 - Talks to the opposite (8).
 - Not, it seems, hills (6).
 - They escape the bottom (6).
- DOWN**
- Puts in some cards? (5).
 - Gen of a girl (5).
 - Miss Green? (5).
 - Clutch firmly a bit of luggage (4).
 - Service order, perhaps (6).
 - Certain vessels (6).
 - Recess (6).
 - Duck down on the bed (5).
 - What a builder does (6).
 - Scram! (3, 2).
 - Famous author Jules (5).
 - Went off to Scotland Yard and turned nasty (6).
 - The standing of a golfer (6).
 - Gives notice (5).
 - Arab boats (5).
 - A flower came up (5).
 - Ice seen in December generally (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scamen, 6 Silas, 8 Boson, 9 Up-foot, 10 Plots, 11 Niro, 12 Logs, 13 Evens, 14 Yes-men, 16 Needle, 20 Nihil, 21 Ours, 22 Slays, 23 Radio, 24 Errant, 27 Evece, 28 Sides, 29 Sesson. Down: 1 Scullion, 2 A-sigant, 3 Ebon, 4 Not-lead, 5 Supreme, 6 In love, 7 Acton, 14 Extricate, 15 Skelton, 16 Yelow, 17 Silvers, 18 Rader, 21 Aye, 24 Aye.

Govt Forces Push To Seven Miles Of Stronghold

Djakarta Claims A Victory

Rebel Position Is 'Wide Open' Army Declares

Singapore, Apr. 23.

Seven miles now separate Indonesian Government troops from the insurgent Central Sumatran capital of Bukit-tinggi according to Djakarta reports reaching here tonight.

Pia news agency said the mountain stronghold of Solok was being encircled, and quoted the Army spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Rudy Pirngadie, as saying it was expected to fall soon.

A later report by Radio Djakarta said Alahan Panjang, the key to the Solok position, had fallen "and the rebel position is wide open."

The Government also claimed advances in the insurgent North Celebes and said the people in rebel-held districts there were suffering under the Dutch and the Japanese.

Djakarta Radio said that food and medicine were being rushed to these districts as they were re-occupied by Government troops.

On the rebel radio tonight the Central Sumatran "Premier," Mr. Sjafruddin Prawiranegara, repeated his charges that Russians were taking part in the government offensive.

Mr. Sjafruddin has ordered his representative in Europe, Mr. Sultan Muhammad Ridwan (formerly Indonesian Ambassador to Italy) to approach the United Nations on this point.

Tonight Mr. Sjafruddin said: "After carefully examining the air attacks on Central Sumatra, we have come to the conclusion that the aircraft taking part are handled by experts."

"Their tactics are not those usually employed by Indonesian pilots," he declared.

Mr. Sjafruddin said he believed Russian ships had taken part in the Indonesian Government's capture of the former rebel coastal stronghold of Padang last week.—Reuter.

ISN'T SHE SWEET?



Mai Zetterling Weds Author

Oxford, Apr. 23.

Swedish actress Mai Zetterling, 32, married David Hughes, 28-year-old author, at a registrar office here this afternoon.

Miss Zetterling was divorced in 1953, her ex-husband being Isak Lemkow, a ballet dancer. She has a 12-year-old daughter. Mr. Hughes recently published his first novel.—Reuter.

Summit: Big Three To Challenge Russia Today

London, Apr. 23.

The Western Big Three will challenge Russia in a note tomorrow to state flatly whether it is willing to continue diplomatic preparations for a summit conference, informed Western sources said today.

It was understood that the United States, Britain and France would tell the Soviets that the preliminary diplomatic talks in Moscow must be with all three Western Ambassadors together—not each one separately.

The Russians have been calling the Western envoys in one by one and have refused to have a joint meeting.

SUGGESTION

The West agreed last week to Russia's suggestion to hold preliminary diplomatic talks in Moscow. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, saw the US Ambassador, Llewellyn Thompson, and called on Thursday in Sir Patrick Reilly of Britain and the French Ambassador, Maurice Dejean, on Friday.

Faced with Soviet insistence on separate talks, the West immediately went into a diplomatic huddle and a British Foreign Office spokesman announced today that a joint written reply to the Russians had been completed.

Although its contents were not disclosed officially, it was considered certain to reject the Soviet demand for piecemeal consultations.

The Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, said on Saturday that insistence on negotiating with each of the Western Ambassadors separately would hold up summit preparations.—United Press.

British Cars

London, Apr. 23. British car exports for the first quarter of 1958 reached a record 132,000. It was announced today. Of these, 37,000 went to the US.—United Press.

Lana's Daughter

CHERYL'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON COURT TODAY

Santa Monica, Apr. 23. A JUVENILE court judge here will decide tomorrow the future of actress Lana Turner's 14-year-old daughter, Cheryl, who killed her mother's lover, Johnny Stompanato, three weeks ago.

Cheryl has been detained in the juvenile school in Hollywood since the night of the killing. She is charged with a charge of murder in the first degree.

Meanwhile, an inquest on Stompanato returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide" in the killing. The District Attorney, William W. Jones, has said he would prosecute Cheryl, although the latest report

does not necessarily carry weight with the juvenile court.

The judge could give custody of Cheryl either to her mother or to her father, Mr. Stephen Crane. Probation officers have been investigating conditions in both their homes recently and will present a report to the judge tomorrow.

A \$750,000 suit filed yesterday on behalf of Stompanato's 10-year-old son against both Miss Turner and Mr. Crane claimed that they had "failed to exercise adequate supervision" or supervision over Cheryl.

If the judge feels that Cheryl should be kept away from her family, he may declare her a ward of court until she is 18, in which case she would probably be placed in a foster home or institutional facility.—Reuter.

"ONLY ONE CRITICISM"

Britain's Press Serves It Well: Macmillan

London, Apr. 23.

Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, proposing a toast to the Press at the annual dinner in London of the Newspaper Press Fund, said that taking the broad view, he thought Britain "extremely well served" by its Press.

But he added: "If I had any criticism to offer, it would be on the score that the daily headlines tend to spread a certain aroma of pessimism and doubt."

"I don't think this is very good for our morale as a nation. It is surely possible to be sanguine without being complacent."

"The trouble is, of course, that things that are going right and smoothly, or things that are not controversial, are simply not news."

"I can only ask you to keep a ready eye open for such items as make cheerful as well as interesting reading."

CHEERFUL

Contending that there were "some excellent reasons why the people of this country should feel cheerful," Prime Minister said the standard of living was far higher than ever before.

"At moments when we could very well be cheerful we look superstitiously round the corner for the piece of gloom which we are convinced awaits us."

"The Press itself suffers a little from the same mood of apprehension."

Mr Macmillan also said: "One gets the impression that the newspaper industry is in a state of considerable anxiety because of television."

"I am not quite clear whether these feelings arise from the fear that television

will make us illiterate and unable and unwilling to read, or whether it is because commercial television is taking a slice of the advertising allocations of commerce and industry."

"So far as advertising revenue is concerned, I am told that the amount now being spent on Press advertising is of the order of £100 million annually, and that this is a figure which shows signs of increasing rather than decreasing."

The Prime Minister declared that he had the impression there was newspaper "complacency and restraint in television as a competitor in the presentation of news and views."

He added: "In particular there has been a great deal of sensitivity about the appearance of Ministers on television, whether in brief television news or in regular, weekly interview and discussion programmes."

"Here again I think that fear is a little exaggerated."

"It is hardly reasonable to expect that a Minister should refuse to have any truck with television news and programmes, and it is true that television does give the Minister and the politician the opportunity of speaking directly to his audience.—Reuter."

PRETTY Adrienne Wheeler, 17, makes a fuss of "Peggy Sue"—a three-hour-old pigmy donkey—born recently at Whipsnade Zoo.—Key-stone.

So This Is A Sandwich!

Montreal, Apr. 23.

A SPECIAL commission of the International Air Transportation Association (I.A.T.A.) today announced its definition of a sandwich.

It must be: 1. Cold; 2. Open or closed; 3. Made in large measure of bread, rolls or "something like bread"; 4. Undorned; 5. Self-contained (that is, it should not resemble a plate of cold cuts); 6. Cheap.

The last category prohibited too much filling and banned such foods as: caviar, smoked salmon, oysters, lobster, game, asparagus and pate de foie gras.

The commission was asked to define a sandwich after I.A.T.A. was asked to set a standard for sandwich meals to be served aboard trans-Atlantic economy-class flights.

An airline had complained of the size and content of sandwiches served by some European companies.—China Mail Special.



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FRATERNAL GREETING—



Guns-and-Gongs War

DONALD WISE, reporting

Indonesia's civil war, sends this

despatch from CENTRAL SUMATRA

BLACK-PAINTED "pirate" planes are stepping up the tempo of night-time arms-drops to rebel troops holed up in the 10,000-foot mountain range ahead of us, while their strongholds of Padang and Bukit Tinggi prepare for battle.

I am with Indonesian Government troops waiting for the time to attack.

By road into the rebels' strongholds roll trucks with petrol, oil, sugar, medical supplies—everything needed for a siege.

Hitherto all hands have shown a strenuous desire to dodge combat in this wonderfully defended.

And the chances are that the blockaded port of Padang and the rebel capital with its radio station at Bukit Tinggi will not be desperately defended.

But if they fail, the war against President Soekarno's Djakarta-based Government will not be over. Rebel Premier Sjahrudin's able army chief, Colonel Simbolon, is burrowing his men into a labyrinth of bunkers and strongpoints built by the Japanese in 1945.

The "pirate" B20's side-slip past razor peaks by moonlight in some of the "hairiest" flying country in the world to drop arms to these men.

The planes, says the Government, fly from air-strips in the Philippines and Formosa.

They bring 75-millimetre guns, bazookas, mortars, and Brens.

And newly arrived ack-ack guns in the rebel mountains keep Soekarno's B25 Mitchell bombers too high to do any damage.

Booming gongs and tootling flutes sound air-raid warnings, but no one bothers to take cover.

Meanwhile Soekarno's paratroops, in their red berets and yellow-and-green camouflage suits, are slogging westwards to try to cut the supply road to Padang.

They are efficient, well-disciplined. Their Russian jeeps and trucks make them mobile and keep them well supplied.

The curious thing about this war is that anyone can "get into the net" armed only with monumental patience and a fistful of rupiahs, the Indonesian money.

"No doubt you will want to get to Padang and see Sjahrudin," said beaming Government officials to me.



Dr Subandrio, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, said the other day that operations against the rebels in Sumatra had entered their final phase and would be over very soon.

He had finished work for the day and his chauffeur was waiting to drive

PAUL TANFIELD

THIS artist of the year, the painter of "beautiful women, children, and angels," talked to me the other day of his future—now that he has been hailed as a genius for the portrait of the Countess of Dalkeith.

John Ralph Merton's painting has been called technically perfect.

It won the Royal Academy's first "A" award for 20 years—and lifted him into a predicted £10,000-a-picture class.

In the ultra-modern studio of his Queen Anne house at Enford, Wiltshire, Mr Merton said: "I don't think it will make all that difference. I have more commissions than I can carry out now."

"Anyway, there are few people who can afford £10,000... and many of those I may not wish to paint."

"At the moment I'm resting. I did 15 hours on the last day of my portrait of Lady Dalkeith. In all I did 1,500 hours on it... 1,400 of them perspiration and 100 inspiration."

Merton himself presents a very different portrait from the popular picture of an artist.

He is surrounded by period furniture in a converted farm-house standing in five acres of beautiful grassland. He is always immaculately dressed when he works... no artist's smock, but, at the same time, no smudges of paint on his clothes.

"Might have to pop off to town at any time, you know," he says.

As I was preparing to leave his studio, he switched off the carpet-sweeper blower with the heating element beside his easel, the textile industry colour-matching lamp, and the Beethoven music to which he works.

Then he took off his surgeon's pragmatic spectacles and put on a neat grey jacket over a striped shirt and striped tie.

He had finished work for the day and his chauffeur was waiting to drive



Artist John Merton with his wife and daughters Clarissa, Sarah, and Nicola at their Wiltshire home

him and his family to London in one of the two Merton cars.

Two of his daughters—Sarah, 17, and Clarissa, 15—were off to Paris for a holiday, and Sarah is staying on for

finishing school. Nicola, aged nine, goes to boarding school next term.

Mr Merton, who is 44, and left the Army after the war with the rank of lieutenant-colonel ("but please DON'T call me Colonel") admits all his wealth doesn't come from painting.

"Unearned income helps a lot," he said. "From a wealthy grandfather, you know."

BUY! BUY! BUY!

THAT'S IKE'S MOTTO TO BEAT THE SLUMP. BUT IT ISN'T PLEASING EVERYONE...

SPRINGTIME at last in America and the plan is obviously to "sue talk" the country out of the recession. "Buy," says the President in a one-word answer on how to make the recession recede. "Buy what?" asked a reporter, and the President replies with another one word... "Anything."

Later, after being advised that his own Secretary of the Treasury, Clinton Anderson, who was happier in charge of the Navy, had just been telling people to save by investing in Government bonds, the President hedged and said he had always been an advocate of selective buying.

Today we are having some realistic words in Washington and New York, and more important than either, in Detroit, which used to be called the arsenal of democracy.

Mr Eisenhower, abandoning his cozy attitude to big business men, has cutting words for the motor-car moguls.

He says: "Look here, once America just buys the things it wants, our manufacturers will be busy making them."

As the late spring shines on the land and the blossoms bloom there are signs of new heart and faith, although industrial production as a whole is down 11.7 per cent from last year, and steel production is only 48 per cent of capacity.

What is going to happen? The President and his advisers say: "Cut prices and the people will buy and the recession will fade away. Don't let too much Government influence."

Not many people agree with him. The labour leader, George Meany, says: "We are in a depression right now and the Administration is doing nothing about it."

Certainly President Eisenhower seems to be bumbling along compared to the energetic Mr Truman, who scoffs: "I'd certainly be doing something. I certainly wouldn't be just sitting around and playing golf."

The unnamed names General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, the big three of the big car.

Later Eisenhower told friends: "Why don't our people

position he took when Charles Wilson, head of General Motors, was his Secretary of Defence, and Mr Wilson's slogan was: "What's good for General Motors is good for the country."

Like has lived, and in the past thrived, on "the freest of free enterprise, rugged individualism," not this camouflaged Socialism which Truman suggests.

Income groups, and a five-year plan of increased Government spending.

This has made everyone in the Cabinet, except Vice-President Richard Nixon, shudder.

As for Nixon, he is fuming that the Democrats, who galvanized by Truman, will get all the credit for a tax cut.

Anyway spring is here and Eisenhower, who first suggested it as part-cure for the recession, will return with it.

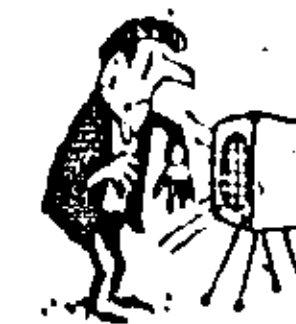
But my own opinion is that the situation will deteriorate. I would not be surprised if the unemployment figure reached 7,000,000 by the end of the year.

Any way spring is here and Eisenhower hope prosperity will return with it.

Take off three points for answering this quiz at all! Under 30—Why worry? It may not happen! Try living 30-30—You're with the majority, as normal as most of us are these days. Let that something to relax about?

9th St—Don't worry—YOU won't!

HOW MUCH DO YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEALTH?



- Do you check your watch-by-the-radio?
 - every day?
 - every week or so?
 - whenever you happen to have the chance?
- On the whole do you consider tidiness to be
 - overrated?
 - a prime necessity for any efficient concern?
 - a useful habit?
- Would you say that many people worry too much about their health?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- If you found that you had invited 13 people to a party, would you
 - hurriedly invite someone else?
 - Put someone off?
 - Leave the number alone?

Twenty questions to test you—and to assess whether you worry unduly about your health. It is a quiz in which you cannot cheat, for it is not necessarily the correctness of each reply that counts but the mental attitude your answers reveal.

- If you have an appointment are you usually
 - on time as near as you can make it?
 - a few minutes early, on the whole?
 - possibly a few minutes early or late either way?
- Do you smoke too much?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Which one of these qualities would you say was the most important for an executive?
 - Attention to detail?
 - Capacity for hard work?
 - Analytic grasp of facts?
 - Understanding people?
- After you have left your house, whether for work or anything else, do you sometimes look to see whether you have left your keys behind?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Do you keep a careful note of all your expenses?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Are you worried about the 11 bomb?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Are you insured against fire?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Do you agree that doctors should be frank with their patients?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Do you enjoy trying out strange foods?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Would you agree that most news these days was bad news?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Do you always wash your hands before eating?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- When in a crowded lift, has it ever occurred to you there might be an accident?
 - Not really.
 - Yes, sometimes.
- Do you like your evening meal
 - more or less at the same time every day?
 - whenever it is most convenient?
 - always at the same time?
- Would you say that many employees need fairly close supervision at work?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Do you feel you work harder than most of your friends?
 - Yes.
 - No.
- Do you think that a good boss should be aware of all the decisions made by those working for him?
 - Yes.
 - No.

Answers at foot of page.

Look!

Hidden Time!

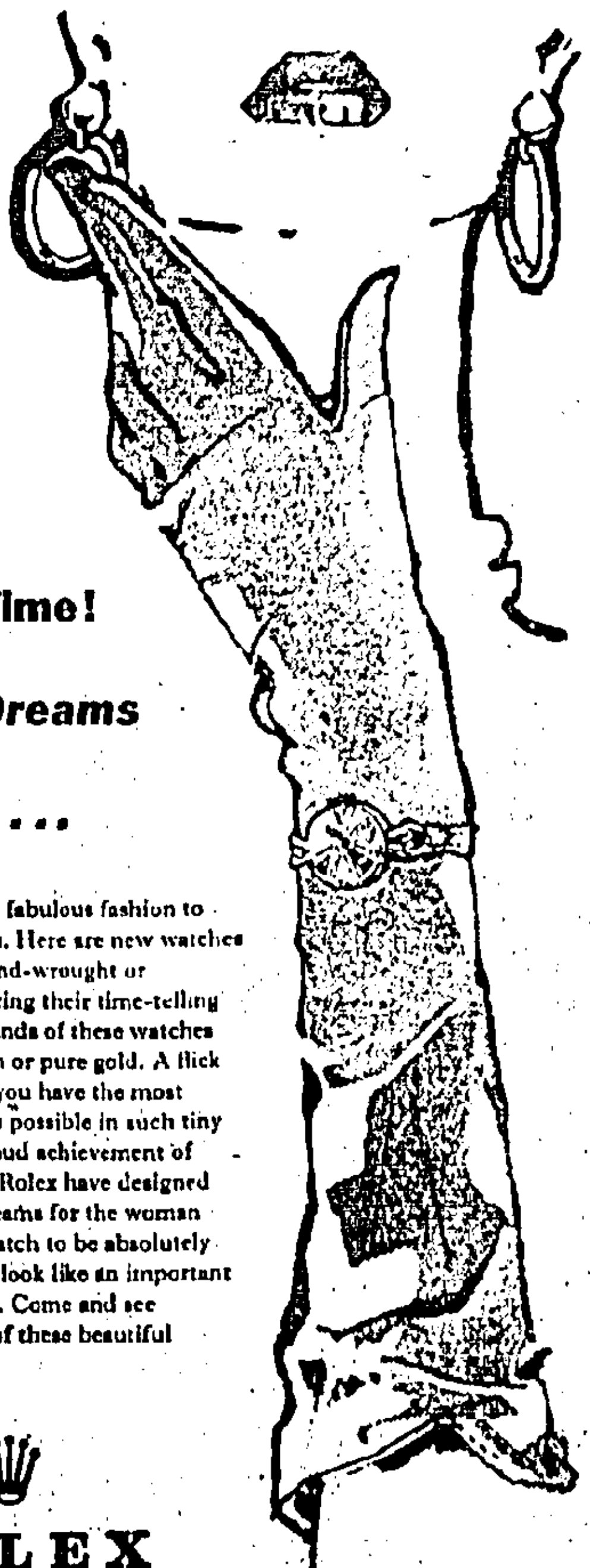
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BOXING'S UPSET OF THE YEAR

Willie Toweel Loses In Seventh To Unknown Frenchman

Glasgow, Apr. 23. Guy Gracia, of France, brought off one of the biggest boxing upsets of the year by defeating South Africa's Willie Toweel, number four in the world Lightweight rankings, in seven rounds here tonight. Gracia is unranked. The referee stopped the fight after Toweel, holder of the British Empire title, had taken two counts of nine and lay spreadeagled against the ropes in his own corner.

Toweel was well ahead on points and at the end of the sixth round it was Gracia who was in trouble. The Frenchman's nose was bleeding profusely.

Carelessness in the South African's defence enabled Gracia to get in a powerful right to the head which floored Toweel early in the seventh round.

After taking a count of nine in a kneeling position, the

dazed Toweel ran into another right which put him down again for nine.

When he got up again a left-right combination sent Toweel flying into his own corner and the referee halted the bout which had been scheduled for ten rounds.

It was only the second defeat of Toweel's career. The 24-year-old South African has had 42 contests, winning 20 inside the distance.

Gracia, 29, has fought over 50 contests, losing 14 and drawing two.

Tonight's bout was contracted at 9 st 11 lb — two pounds above the lightweight limit of 9 st 9 lb.

The weights were not disclosed at the noon weigh-in.

Chungking Beat Ceylonese 7-1

Paris, Apr. 23. The visiting Ceylonese football team was defeated 7-1 by a Chungking team in a friendly match in Chungking this afternoon, Radio Peking announced.

The match was watched by 35,000 spectators, the Radio said. The Ceylonese team will soon leave Chungking for Peking, where they will play a round of matches with civilian and services team.—France Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

12th RACE MEETING

Saturday 19th and Sunday 26th April, 1958

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club) THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SEWANTS Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each for both days and \$20.00 for each day may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the last day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 19th April, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to him and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street on Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 12th April 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 26th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 12th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 26th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOTALISATOR Bettors are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DESTROYED TICKETS.

Bettors, The Tote men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Bad Behaviour On The Ice

Prague, Apr. 23. Four Czechoslovak international ice hockey players were barred today from all sporting activities for periods of up to a year for bad behaviour during three matches against a Soviet team last February.

Three other members were formally "reprimanded" when the Ice Hockey Section of the State Sports Committee met to consider the incidents today.

The coach, Vladimir Sukara, and the team managers, Josef Hrdka and Jiri Tozicka, were also rebuked.

The worst offender, Josef Capl, of Slavia Club, Bratislava, was also barred from playing in any international match for two years.

The incidents occurred in matches between junior teams of the two countries at Pilsen, Opava and Prague.—China Mail Special.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

Results in tonight's English and Scottish football matches were:

LEAGUE I	
Blackpool	0 Everton
Manchester U.	0 Newcastle U.
Barnsley	0 Sheffield U.
Preston	0 Wolves
Luton	0 Bristol City
Notts County	0 Bristol City
LEAGUE II (South)	
Aldershot	1 Q.P. Rangers
Carlisle	1 Walsley
Exeter City	1 Wolves
Gillingham	1 Millwall
Port Vale	1 Brighton & H.
Reading	1 Reading
Southampton	1 Newport
LEAGUE II (North)	
Chesham	1 Southport
Crewe Alex.	1 Hull City
Darlington	1 Hull City
Widnes	1 Walsley
York City	1 Tranmere R.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE I	
Queen's Park	1 Rangers
Rathfriland	1 Rangers
SCOTTISH LEAGUE II	
Brechin City	1 Albion R.
Brechin City	1 Albion R.
Cowdenbeath	1 Montrose
Farmington Acad.	1 Stirling Alb.
Morton	1 Stirling Alb.
Stirling Alb.	1 Stirling Alb.

Juniors Only This Year

Moscow, Apr. 23. Russian lawn tennis players will compete only in the Junior Wimbledon this year, and not in the Championships proper.

This was made clear here today by Mr V. Kollegoray, a leading tennis official who said the Soviet competitors would not be known until after the Russian Junior Tournament at the end of May.

The Junior Wimbledon event is run in conjunction with the Senior Championships.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 13th Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday, 10th May, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shaan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 30th April, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GREAT PERFORMANCE BY HERB SCORE

New York, Apr. 23. Herb Score, looking like the million dollars Red Sox once bid for him, struck out 13 men and hit the Chicago White Sox to three singles today in pitching the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 victory.

Score's pitching performance was the best one he turned in since being hit by a line drive off Gil McDougald's bat in a game against the Yankees last May.

Billy Pierce gave up seven hits in suffering his second defeat of the season. The Indians scored their first run in the second inning on a double by Rocky Colavito. Chico Carrasquel's single and Carroll Hardy's sacrifice by Bob Avila homered in the third. The loss was Chicago's fourth in a row.

Red Sox Win The Boston Red Sox ended a five-game losing streak by beating the Baltimore Orioles, 7-5, with the aid of a neat ninth-inning relief job by Murray Wall.

Wall was summoned into the game with the bases full and one out in the ninth after Ike Delock had faltered in relief of Tom Brewer. Wall proceeded to get Dick Williams on a pop up and Brooks Robinson on a force out. Pete Runnels led Boston's 10-hit attack, driving in two runs on three singles. Foster Costello and Gus Triandos each homered for Baltimore. The loss was charged to Charlie Beaman, who relieved starter Skidny Brown after Brown dislocated his thumb in the first inning.

Boston broke a 2-2 tie with three runs in the fifth on singles by Brewer, Ted Williams and Jackie Jensen, a walk and Frank Malzone's double.

The Scores AMERICAN LEAGUE Baltimore 0-2 Boston 12-0

Boston 200-031-012-10-2 Brown, Beaman (2), Zuverink (5), Walker (7), Lehman (8) and Triandos; Brewer, Delock (9), Wall (9) and White, WP-Brewer (1-1). LP-Beaman (1-1). Hitters: Beaman (1st), Triandos (3rd).

Chicago 000-000-000 0-3-1 Cleveland 011-000-000 2-7-3 Pierce (0-2) and Lollar, Battey (8); Score (2-1) and Brown; HR-Avila (1st).—United Press.

St. Louis 500-000-101-7-11-2 San Francisco

000-101-024-11-8-12-1 Jones, Paine (8), Martin (9), Clark (9) and Katt; Gomez.

BOOTED IN AGAIN Soviet sports authorities today readmitted star centre forward Edmund Streltsov to the national soccer team from which he was booted out three months ago on charges of "hooliganism."

Streltsov, fair-haired, 20-year-old idol of Russian soccer lovers, was included in a list of 40 players which was submitted to the organizers of the World Cup Tournament in Sweden in June as the Soviet entry.

Streltsov was dropped from the team on charges of participation in a drunken brawl, disobeying the coach's orders and "hooliganism."—United Press.

England Team v. Portugal

London, Apr. 23. England's team to play Portugal in a soccer international at Wembley here on May 7 is the same as that which beat Scotland 4-0 at Hampden, Glasgow, on Saturday.

The team is Hopkinson (Bolton); Howe (West Bromwich Albion), Langley (Fulham); Clayton (Blackburn), Wright (Wolverhampton Wanderers), captain, Slater (Wolverhampton Wanderers); Douglas (Blackburn), Charlton (Manchester United), Kevan (West Bromwich), Hynes (Fulham), Finney (Preston).—China Mail Special.

Setting Star Wins City And Suburban

Epsom, Apr. 23. Major L.B. Holliday's Settling Star won the City and Suburban Handicap, run over one mile and a quarter, here today.

Sir Victor Gasson's Prince Moon was second with Sir W.M. Cooke's Wheatley third, 12 ran.

Official starting prices were: 10 to 8 Settling Star, 3 to 1 Sir Victor Gasson's Prince Moon, 10 to 1 Wheatley, 10 to 1 to 9 Wheatley. Won by a short head with one and a half lengths between second and third.—Reuter.

Giant Raffle Would Be A Great Help

Melbourne, Apr. 23. The Victoria Olympic Council has appointed a sub-committee to investigate the prospects of a lottery to raise funds to send athletes to the Empire and Olympic Games.

If the report is favourable, the Council is expected to make an approach to the State Government for approval.

The Secretary of the Council, Mr C. J. Gray, said today that the prestige of Australian sport was "sky high" at the moment, and to keep it that way all teams would have to be sent to international meetings.

"The Olympic Games gave Australia world wide publicity, and we must keep that publicity going at future Games meetings," he said.

Mr Gray said that amateur sporting bodies were doing a magnificent service in the community, but were always struggling to send teams abroad.

"A lottery or a giant raffle would be a tremendous help and would partly solve one of our greatest worries," Mr Gray said.

Don Candy Retires With Knee Trouble

Bournemouth, Apr. 23. Don Candy, of Australia, who was seeded for both the Men's Singles and Doubles, retired with knee trouble from the British hardcourt tennis Championships here today.

The last Australian, who had a cartilage operation five months ago, retired in the second set of his third round Singles match against American Bob Ferry. Though his right knee was badly swollen, Candy made a gallant attempt to partner American Budge Patty in the Doubles, but again had to retire in the second set.

The other seven seeded players in the Singles reached the quarter-finals, but little Giuseppe Meo of Italy took three hours 11 minutes to beat Tony Pickard, ranked eighth in Britain. He won 6-4, 5-7, 14-12, 6-3.

Defending champion Shirley Bloomer, of Britain, swept into the last eight of the Women's Singles with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Jennifer Chamberlain of Britain.—Reuter.

Welsh Under-23s Beat England 2-1

Wrexham, Apr. 23. Wales beat England by two goals to one after leading 1-0 at half time in an International watched by 20,000 here tonight.

It was the first time Wales had played in intermediate international football and their victory ended England's unbeaten run of three games this season.

Ken Leek scored for the Welsh team in the first half. Brian Clough levelled for England after half time and Bryan Orritt headed the winning goal for Wales in the last minute.

Army Referees' Meeting The monthly meeting of the Army Referees' Association will be held at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Saturday from 10 a.m.

NEW BRITISH YACHT MAY WIN BACK CUP FROM THE AMERICANS

By ADRIAN BALL

London. A British beauty is to cross the Atlantic to compete against an equally sleek American rival. Her vital statistics (in feet) are roughly 70-12-44.

Thousands of British sea-faring men are already in love with her, and they are confident she will break many more hearts on the other side of the Atlantic.

Her name is simply Sceptre — and she is Britain's entrant for the America's Cup race, to be staged this September for the first time in 21 years.

Sceptre, an international 12-metre yacht, has taken shape under conditions of almost wartime secrecy in the yard of Alexander Robertson and Sons in Sandbank, Argyllshire.

She was launched on April 2-3, a day which might subsequently prove to have been one of the most auspicious in the history of British yachting.

For more than a century British yachtsmen have had to look to their American brethren. Now there are high hopes that Sceptre will bring back to Britain, after 107 years, the trophy yachtsmen lovingly call the "old mug."

It all began in 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition. Queen Victoria presented a trophy, to be raced at Cowes, Isle of Wight, called the Royal Yacht Squadron 100 Guinea Cup.

Unknown Schooner The contest, which took place on August 22, 1851, was all British, except for an "unknown" schooner which had been sailed across the Atlantic by a syndicate of American sportsmen.

This 101-foot long vessel was called the America and it beat 17 British rivals of various rigs and sizes in a memorable race around the Isle of Wight.

British yachtsmen were staggered by the Americans' speed, and they bore their trophy home in understandable triumph to the New York Yacht Club.

Subsequently, rules for challenge contests were drawn up and the trophy came to be known as the "America's Cup" — the most coveted, the most jealously defended of all yachting prizes.

There have been 16 subsequent challenges for the Cup — 14 of them British, two Canadian. British yachtsmen are estimated to have spent at least £4,000,000 sterling in their fruitless efforts.

The last British challenge was made in 1937 by Sir (then Mr) Thomas Sopwith in his Endeavour II. Sir Thomas had also been unsuccessful in 1934 — although he was only narrowly beaten in that year.

Before him, Britain's challenge had been borne by Sir Thomas Lipton, who made five attempts with his famous Shamrock series of yachts between 1899 and 1930. Sir Thomas Lipton spent at least £500,000 sterling in trying to wrest the Cup from the Americans — in days when a "pound was a pound."

The rules of the race have changed several times. Originally the challengers had to race a whole fleet of defending American yachts. Then, until 1897, the defenders could name their yacht on the day of the race, thus choosing one suitable for the prevailing conditions.

Main Bugbears But, until December 1955, the main bugbears in the rules for British challengers were those specifying the size of the vessel and stipulating that it had to cross the Atlantic first.

The vessels taking part in the contest until 1955 had to be expensive "12" class yachts, with a crew of upwards of 20. The rules insisted that they had to sail the Atlantic "on their own bottoms."

This meant that the British challengers until 1957 all had to be designed for ocean-worthiness as well as pure racing ability. This gave the Americans a clear and admitted advantage in their defence of the Cup — but, of course, the original America had also crossed "on her own bottom."

In 1950 it became clear that the cost of building "12" class

yachts had become exorbitant and threatened the future of the race. So smaller craft were seen to be inevitable.

The deed of gift offering the Cup for competition was amended to make 12-metre class yachts (maximum crew: eleven) eligible. At the same time, the need for a yacht to sail to the scene of the contest was eliminated from the rules.

These changed rules have given British yachtsmen real confidence that they will be able to win back the Cup on equal terms.

In May last year the Royal Yacht Squadron sent their official challenge for the America's Cup. In July it was announced that Scots designer David Boyd would have the task of designing Sceptre.

Boyd and three other leading designers had each submitted two designs and models of their craft were tested secretly in tanks at Cowes before the syndicate taking part in the challenge made their choice.

The syndicate consists of nine wealthy members of the Royal Yacht Squadron, who, it is rumoured, have clubbed together between £30,000 and £50,000 to finance the venture.

Chief Designer Mr Boyd is chief designer of the Robertson's yard at Sandbank and he lost no time in getting the project under way. The lead keel of the Sceptre was laid in October — and golden sovereigns and half-crowns were thrown into the mould by well-wishers at the ceremony of casting the keel.

Robertson's have a team of 24 craftsmen at work on the yacht, which, they say, has delighted all the yachting experts who have been given a privileged peep at her.

She has an overall length of almost 70 feet, a beam of roughly 12 feet and a waterline length of 44 feet. The draft will be about nine feet, the sail area 2,000 square feet and her metal mast between 60 and 80 feet high.

This 34-ton craft can be regarded as the finest racing yacht Britain can produce today. The men building her are confident there is "something special" about her.

Her trials take place in the Clyde this month. Then she will be sailed to the English south coast for racing and tuning-up against a 12-metre "trial horse" called the Eynsford.

Across the Atlantic wealthy Americans are building three yachts from which they hope

to win back the Cup. One of them is the 12-metre Endeavour II, which is being built by the New York Yacht Club.

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Results in tonight's Rugby Union and League matches were:

at Rugby Union Bridgend 6, Cardiff 5; Coventry 10, Leicester 11; Rotherham 6, Crewe 10; Rotherham 6, Crewe 10; Rotherham 6, Crewe 10.

at Rugby League Bradford 13, Northampton 21; Brighouse 13, Wakefield 13; Castleford 13, York 23; Leeds 21, Rochdale Hornets 13; Leigh 14, Wigan 28.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP Ceylon Lead Malaya 2-1

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 23. Ceylon, winning the Davis Cup today, took a 2-1 lead over Malaya in their Eastern Zone semi-final of the Davis Cup here when R. W. Ferdinands and B. I. Pinto beat Moses Tay and Khong Kit-soon 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

The last two Singles matches will be played tomorrow. The winners of the tie meet Japan or the Philippines.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

YOU WERE TOO QUICK TO LEAVE DOWN THE GAMBOLS

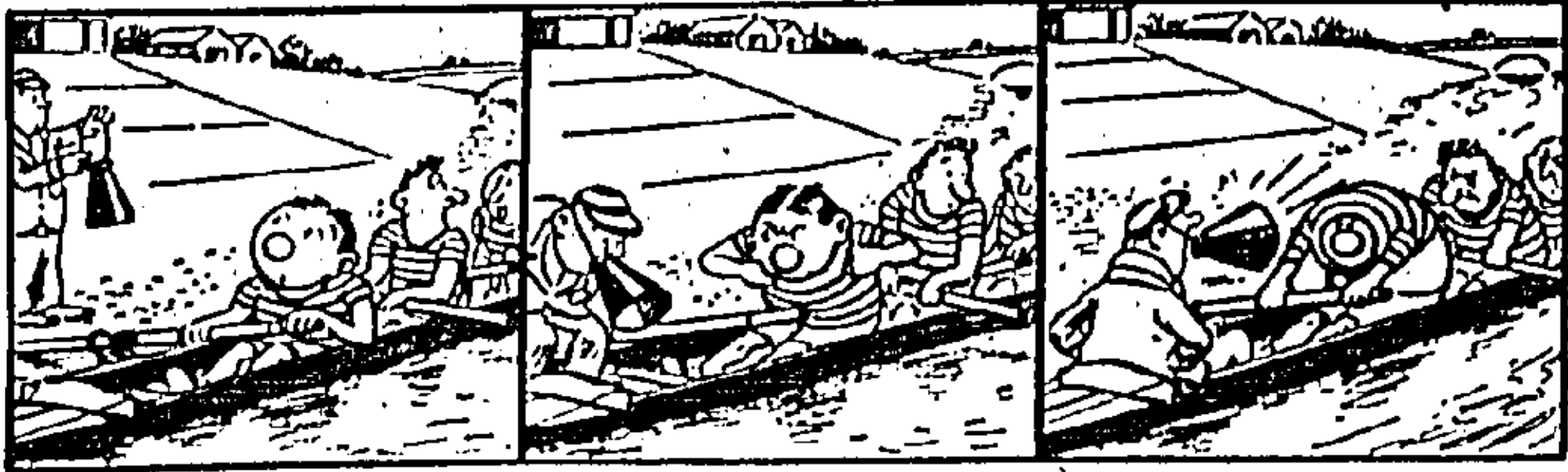
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SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



THE OLD STORY OF JACKS AND GIANTS

Toughness Is Not Always Enough When The Scales Are Against You

Says GEORGE WHITING

It must be admitted that history and precedent are usually on the side of the big battalions. Boxers who seek points and profits against the top men of a heavier division rarely come through with either. More often than not, their share is a shellacking.

Blacksmith Eric Boon was a pretty smart lightweight, a venomous destroyer of opponents from the age of 16. But look what happened when he sought to impose his might on welterweight Ernie Roderick.

As I recall that bomb-happy night in Liverpool 18 years ago, Boon suffered almost as much damage from Roderick's penetrating left jab as did the neighbouring docks from Germany's incendiaries. While the wharves burned Boon was picking himself off the floor four times, losing on points, and submitting to plaster on a broken hand and a swollen eye.

Mredie Mills was good enough a cruiserweight to win the Championship of the World—but not good enough to win a British heavyweight title off Bruce Woodcock. Once again the lighter man found himself wretchedly around in the clinches prior to being flattened and eventually stopped.

Of our post-war British experts it took a Randolph Turpin to disprove the large-bucks little precept. While still champion of all the middleweights, the Leamington Licker made light of a 12lb. disadvantage to end the cruiserweight title career of Don Cockell.

On the World Championship scene, where American dollars

have so often induced all sorts of Jacks to tackle all sorts of Giants, you could cite the immortal Henry Armstrong—now a lay preacher—as a featherweight who strode fearlessly and successfully among the hostile ranks of the lightweights and welters. The Armstrongs of this world, however, come all too infrequently.

Rock-Hard

Sugar Ray Robinson, it is true, was only a welterweight when he topped over full-blown Jake LaMotta in Chicago, to begin his iridescent career as middleweight champion—but even the incomparable Ray tried it once too often.

Sixteen months later, as a given, he sought one steamy New York night the cruiserweight crown of Joey Maxim. Eclipse and ex-bustion came to Ole Sugar in Round 13—after they had carried away a collapsed referee in a bath of fever-heat perspiration.

Toughness is not always enough when the scales are against you. Welterweight Carmen Basilio, the onion grubber from the swamps of Syracuse, is rock-hard all through—hard enough to have shared verdicts in two fights with Robinson in the last six months.

But you should have seen his face at the end of each of those torrid arguments. Carmen Basilio, methinks, will be an old, old man before he is 50.

Gabuh Hops Over Games Record

Sandakan, Apr. 23.—North Borneo Champion Gabuh Jai Flging bettered the Asian Games record for the Hop, Step and Jump when he reached 49 feet 10½ inches (15.20 metres) here, at the North Borneo Police Athletic Championships.

The Games record is 48 feet 9½ inches. Gabuh will represent Borneo at next month's Asian Games in Tokyo.—Reuter.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

MOST GRUELLING OF ALL

CARES OF CAPTAINCY CAN MAKE OR BREAK

Says BERNARD JOY

Enter a Football League club's ground after the kick-off and the chances are that you will not be able to identify the captains. They lead their teams on to the field, they toss for ends—and there, for many of them, duty ends.

Yet here is an odd thing. Spurs half-back John Ryden asked to be relieved of the captaincy because he felt the responsibility caused him to lose form—and his first-team place.

He tells me: "When I was having a poor game I felt that I was in no position to correct or urge on my colleagues. In fact, I was looking for guidance and help from the more experienced players around me."

I believe Ryden was over-awed by his fellow wing-half Danny Blanchflower, of whom he says: "He is the finest wing-half with the ball I have ever seen."

Blanchflower is the live-wire skipper of Ireland but gave up the captaincy duties with Spurs two years ago after a dispute about changes he made in the FA Cup semi-final against Manchester City.

Essential

In Russia there is no doubt as to who is captain. He wears an arm band.

I would prefer to see our natural leaders encouraged to blossom out so that by their bearing alone they make it clear who is the boss.

The fact is that a good captain is an essential factor in a team's success. He needs to read the game, to spot the weakness of opponents and counter their strong points to encourage his colleagues, and to make adjustments in his own team's play.

All this he must do in addition to his own job as a team member. I consider such good captains as Derek Ufton, Billy Wright, Ray Barlow, Jimmy Dickinson and Alf Sherwood are worth an extra man. They force the equivalent of an additional player out of their colleagues.

Arsenal date their decline to that April day four years ago when Joe Mercer carried off at highspeed with a broken leg. The year in which he urged on

his team mates and directed tactics has been missed even more than his playing ability.

While Ryden's form has suffered, captaincy has broadened the game of Johnny Hayes. He is more responsive this season to the needs of others, and he gives himself unsparringly in order to set an example.

Fulham's ability to fight back as they did against Bristol Rovers recently after being two down—partly stems from Haynes.

To the duties of a captain I would add another—a hand in team selection. A good captain knows his team better than the manager or trainer.

I would even go so far as to co-opt Billy Wright, who has the experience of nearly 90 internationals behind him, to Cup matches in Sweden.

Hamstrung

England's attempts to rebuild their side following the deaths of Roger Byrne, Duncan Edwards and Tommy Taylor in the Manchester United air crash have been hamstrung by the League clubs.

The Under-23 International against Wales, and the practice match against England the day before had to be cancelled in a month because clubs inconspicuously played postponed League games on those days.

Now I am surprised to see that two League clubs, Burnley and Grimsby, are to provide tuning-up games for Britain's World Cup rivals.

Burnley meet Austria, who are in the same group as England, in Vienna on May 21. They meet Czechoslovakia who are in Ireland's group a few days later. Czechoslovakia are also to meet Grimsby.

(London Express Service).

South Africa Claims World's Toughest Marathon Run Over Hilly Road

By SAM MIRWIS

Johannesburg.

About 100 runners will line up at Durban on Saturday morning, May 31, when the City Hall clock strikes six to start off a journey of 56 miles over the winding, hilly road to Pietermaritzburg.

Those 56 miles constitute South Africa's greatest and most gruelling road race—the world-famous "Comrades Marathon," conceived in 1919 and staged every year since 1921 except during World War II.

The race has been called the most strenuous in the world. It is certainly the longest, and the runners climb 7,000 feet over the colourful and scenic course through the Valley of a Thousand Hills.

When it was first organised in honour of those who had fallen in the First World War, it was described as "magnificent lunacy." Today many people still hold that view. Yet it attracts every year a large field of leading athletes who try to win, try for a place, or try merely to finish in eleven hours in order to gain the coveted "Comrades" medal.

Tremendous interest is aroused each year. Thousands of spectators line the streets to applaud and encourage the runners on the lines of the Boston Marathon in the United States. Competitors are attracted from every part of South Africa and as far afield as the Rhodesian Federation and the Belgian Congo.

Connected with the race are some of the greatest names in South African athletic history—Arthur Newton, Hardy Ballington, Johannes Coleman, Wally Hayward, Gerald Walsh, Jackie Mekler, Sid Luyt, and Mercer Davies.

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Inspired

The Marathons was inspired by the famous London to Brighton 52-Mile Road Race, the guiding hand being that of Mr Vic Clapham, organising secretary until two years ago. After he was discharged from the army, Mr Clapham looked about for a sponsor, but the response was poor. People scoffed at him and the press opposed the scheme, saying the race was too severe and incompatible with Natal's humid climate.

But Mr Clapham persevered and later the Comrades of the Great War—an ex-servicemen's organisation—agreed to sponsor it and they donated £1. And on May 23, 1921—Empire Day—34 runners lined up. The race was won by W. Rowan of Transvaal in 8 hours 59 minutes—incidentally, still the slowest winning time recorded.

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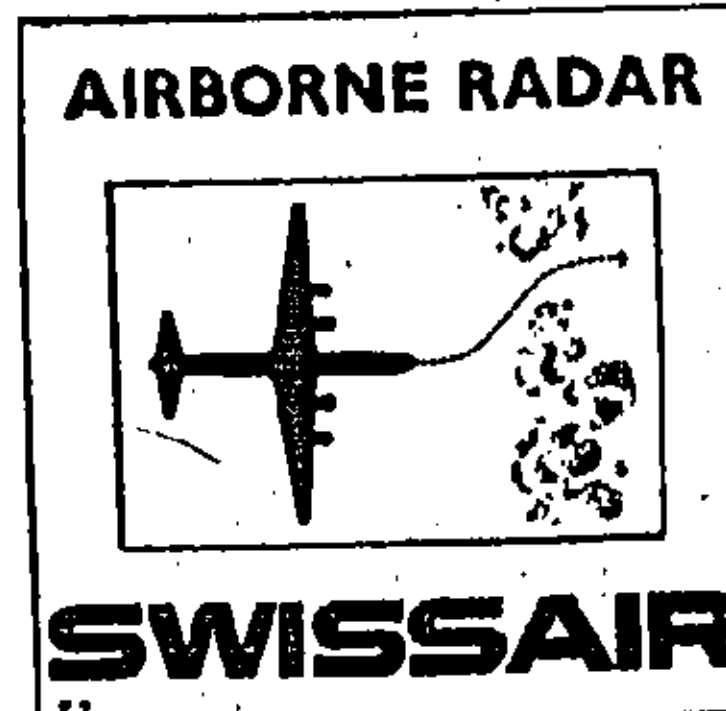
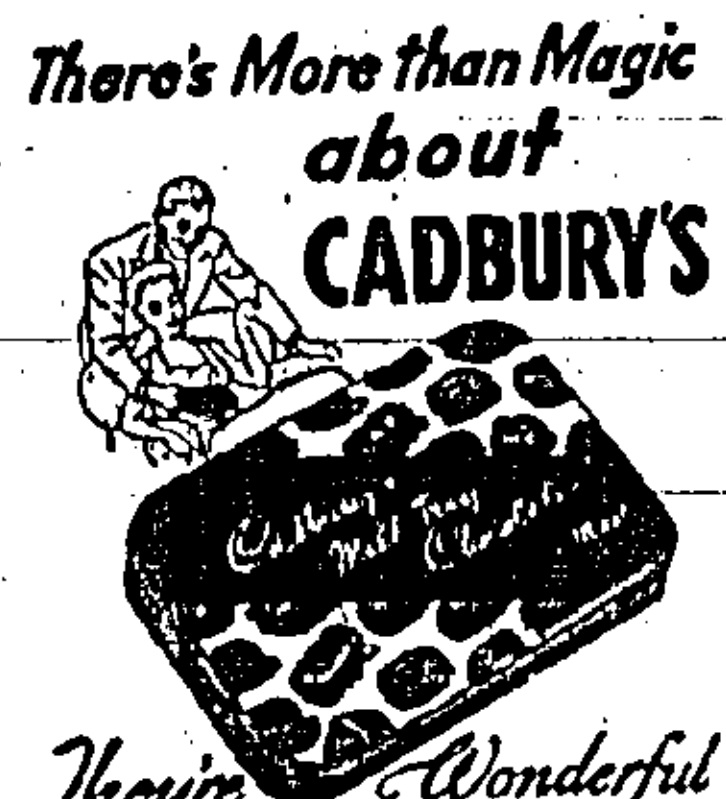
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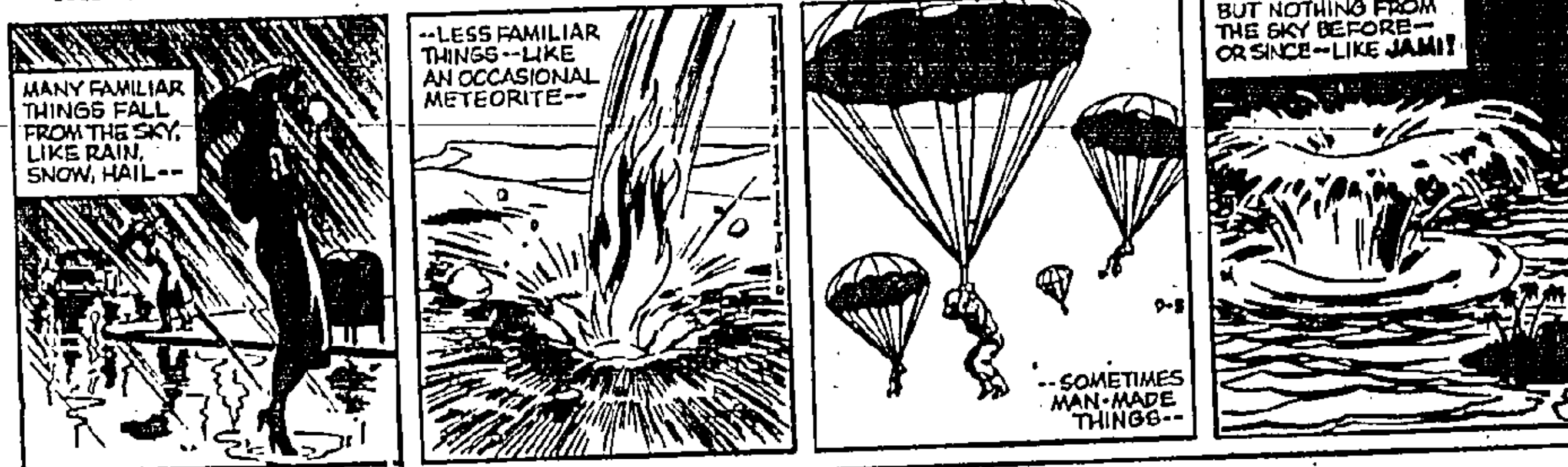
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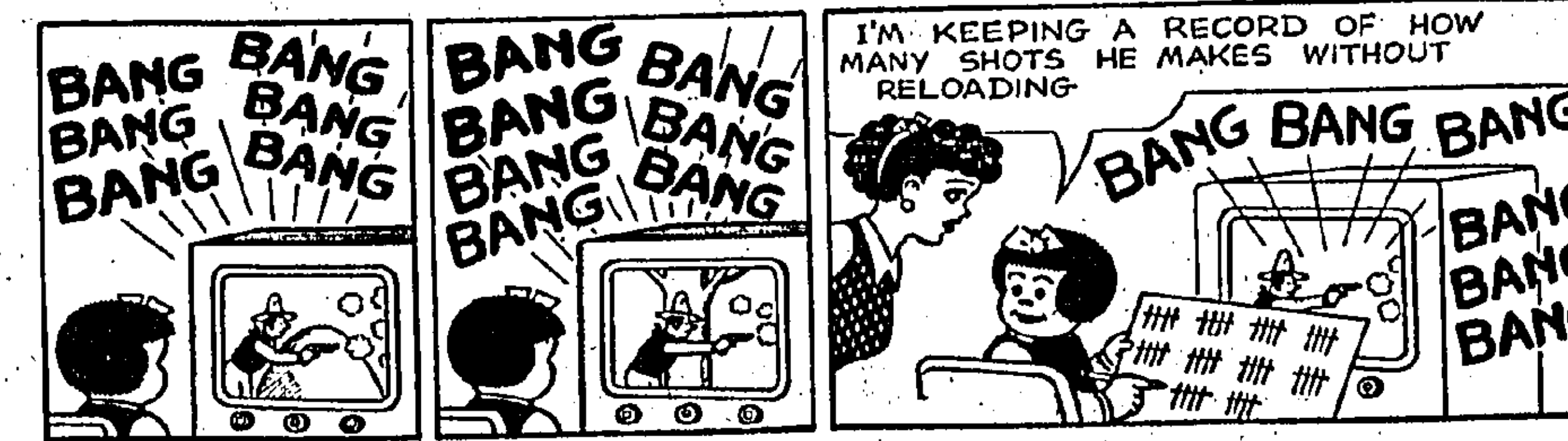
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In 1922 a tall-looking, obscure farmer from the Harding district in Natal slipped among the 88 runners and, shuffling off rather in the style of a Red Indian, drew away quickly to win in 8 hours 40 minutes.

His name was Arthur Newton. He decided to run in order to draw attention to what he considered to be a grievance against the then Government which had proclaimed his farm to be in native territory. His name later rang around the world because of his athletic feats at an age when most men prefer a less strenuous life.

Newton won the "Comrades" four more times, a record of five wins he shares with Ballington and Hayward—and he still has the distinction of being the oldest winner at 47, although Hayward won the event when he was 45.

Newton's

In 1950 a field of 100 competed. This was largely because it was held in honour of Newton, who was on a visit to South Africa at the invitation of the Marathon Runners Club. Newton started the race which was named for that year "The Arthur Newton Comrades."

Since the inaugural race, some 1,500 runners have taken part and more than 600 have been awarded medals for finishing in 11 hours or under.

The most medals won in the race has been 17—by 49-year-old Leige Boule of Johannesburg. Twice he received gold medals for finishing in the first six. The other 15 times he was awarded silver medals for "beating" 11 hours. Boule, who is called "Mr. Comrade", weighs less than 80 lb and stands only 5 feet 4 inches.

Over the years the race has accumulated statistics and legends which add to its charm, like those of "Mr. Comrade". Two women have entered (unofficially) and completed the course. They were Miss Frances Hayward (no relation to her famous namesake) in 1923 and Miss Geraldine Watson in 1932 and 1933.

To test whether a man could beat a horse over the distance, M. C. C. Robinson in 1925 mounted a pony and raced the athletes. The pony finished 70 minutes in front of Newton, the winner.

Overdose

One runner was so nervous before the race that to ensure that he got proper sleep the night before, he took a sleeping draught. Unfortunately he took an overdose and fell asleep during the race itself.

Bill Payne, the Rugby Springbok, in 1922 consumed en route a dozen eggs, 39 oranges and three gallons of various liquids including beer and ginger beer. He also sat down to a lunch of steak and chips at the half-way mark, then carried on to finish the race.

The race has been remarkable for attracting several one-family. On one occasion four brothers—Carey-Smith—ran and on another occasion two sets of three brothers—the Suttons and the Savages. Another year a father and a son competed. Today, sons wear the same numbers allocated to their fathers years before to encourage the family tradition of taking part in the race.

In 1930 Edgar Maree of Johannesburg finished well within 11 hours at the age of 62 (strictly speaking the age limits of the race are over 18 and under 50).

Last year's race was won by the Springbok Mercer Davies—at his fifth attempt. And it was while watching the race four years ago that he decided to take "up" running. Athletes, particularly long-distance runners, had had no appeal for him until he saw the "Comrades".

So inspired was he by the sight of the runners battling courageously over the hills that he determined to try it himself. "What makes a man want to run 56 miles over the most gruelling country in South Africa?" his Captain was asked frequently. His reply was: "The race is a challenge to manhood. When he has completed the course, whether he is a prominent athlete or a novice, he feels he has accomplished something rare. The medal he receives is his badge of manhood which he wears to the rest of his life."

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